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President: Mr. Ali ..... (Malaysia)

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The meeting was called to order at 3.15 p.m.

Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters (*continued*)

Elections, nominations, confirmations and appointments (*continued*)

Organizational Committee of the Peacebuilding Commission

1. **The President** invited the Council to elect, in accordance with Council resolutions 2008/38 and 2010/36, seven members of the Organizational Committee of the Peacebuilding Commission to serve a two-year term of office beginning on 1 January 2011. Egypt, Rwanda and Zambia had been endorsed by the Group of African States; the Republic of Korea had been endorsed by the Group of Asian States; Ukraine had been endorsed by the Group of Eastern European States; Guatemala had been endorsed by the Group of Latin American and Caribbean States; and Spain had been endorsed by the Group of Western European and other States. Since the number of candidates from the Group of Asian States, the Group of Eastern European States, the Group of Latin American and Caribbean States and the Group of Western European and other States was equal to the number of vacancies for each group, he took it that the Council wished to elect by acclamation the candidates proposed.

2. *It was so decided.*

3. **The President** recalled that only members of the Council could be elected to serve on the Organizational Committee. Since Guatemala and Spain would cease to be Council members at the end of 2011, the Council would need to hold elections in 2011 for the Group of Latin American and Caribbean States and the Group of Western European and other States.

Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues
(E/2010/9/Add.22)

4. **The President** invited the Council to elect, by secret ballot, one member to fill a vacancy arising from the resignation of Ms. Mirian Masaquiza (Ecuador). He drew attention to document E/2010/9/Add.22 containing information on the candidates nominated by their Governments.

5. *At the invitation of the President, Mr. Biya (Cameroon) and Ms. Maskay (France) acted as tellers.*

6. *A vote was taken by secret ballot.*

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Invalid ballots:	0
Number of valid ballots:	51
Abstentions:	1
Number of members voting:	50
Required majority:	26
Number of votes obtained:	
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Ms. Mónica Roxana Álvarez (Plurinational State of Bolivia):	25

7. *No candidate having obtained the required majority, a second vote was taken by secret ballot.*

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10. *Mr. Bertie Xavier (Guyana) was elected a member of the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues.*

Commission on Science and Technology for Development

11. **The President** invited the Council to consider the outstanding vacancies on the Commission on Science and Technology for Development. He announced that the Group of Western European and other States had endorsed France to fill one of the vacancies from that Group. He took it that the Council wished to elect France by acclamation to serve a four-year term beginning on 1 January 2011.

12. *It was so decided.*

13. **The President** said that, in the absence of any other candidate for election to the Commission on Science and Technology for Development, he took it that the Council wished to further postpone the election of one member from the Group of Asian States, two members from the Group of Eastern European States and three members from the Group of Western

European and other States for a four-year term beginning on 1 January 2011.

14. *It was so decided.*

Intergovernmental Working Group of Experts on International Standards of Accounting and Reporting

15. **The President** invited the Council to consider the outstanding vacancies on the Intergovernmental Working Group of Experts on International Standards of Accounting and Reporting. He announced that the Group of Eastern European States had endorsed Croatia to fill the remaining vacancy from that Group. He took it that the Council wished to elect, by acclamation, Croatia to the Working Group of Experts for a term beginning on the date of the election and expiring on 31 December 2012.

16. *It was so decided.*

17. **The President** said that, in the absence of any other candidates for the Intergovernmental Working Group of Experts on International Standards of Accounting and Reporting, he took it that the Council wished to postpone the election of three members from the Group of Latin American and Caribbean States and four members from the Group of Western European and other States, for a term beginning on the date of election and expiring on 31 December 2011, and four members from the Group of Asian States and one member from the Group of Latin American and Caribbean States for a term beginning on the date of election and expiring on 31 December 2012.

18. *It was so decided.*

Proposed amendments by the Plurinational State of Bolivia to article 49, paragraphs 1 (c) and 2 (e) of the Single Convention on Narcotic Drugs, 1961, as amended by the Protocol amending the Single Convention on Narcotic Drugs, 1961

19. **The President** drew attention to the proposed amendment by the Plurinational State of Bolivia to the Single Convention on Narcotic Drugs, 1961. Referring to Council decision 2009/250, he recalled that the Secretary-General had communicated to the Council two notes verbales contained in documents E/2009/116 and E/2010/7, respectively, from the Permanent Mission of Egypt to the United Nations initially rejecting the proposed amendment then withdrawing the objection. In accordance with article 47 (2) of the Convention, if a proposed amendment circulated under paragraph 1 (b) of the article had not been rejected by any Party within 18 months after it had been circulated, it would enter into force. He reminded the Council that, since the Council had adopted its resolution on the matter on 30 July 2009 and the Secretary-General had transmitted the requisite depositary notification to the States Parties to the Convention on the same day, the 18-month period for rejection of proposed amendments to the Convention would expire on 31 January 2011.

Coordination, programme and other questions (*continued*)

(c) International cooperation in the field of informatics (*continued*) (E/2010/L.44)

Draft resolution entitled "The need to harmonize and improve United Nations informatics systems for optimal utilization and accessibility by all States" (E/2010/L.44)

20. **The President** drew attention to the draft resolution contained in document E/2010/L.44, entitled "The need to harmonize and improve United Nations informatics systems for optimal utilization and accessibility by all States", submitted by the Vice-President of the Council, Mr. Soborun (Mauritius), on the basis of informal consultations. He had been advised that the draft resolution had no programme budget implications.

21. *The draft resolution was adopted.*

22. **Mr. de Bassompierre** (Belgium), speaking on behalf of the European Union, said that, while the European Union had joined the consensus on the draft resolution, it had concerns regarding the working methods of the Council as exemplified by the lack of informal consultations and the late circulation of the text.

Implementation of and follow-up to the major United Nations conferences and summits (*continued*)

(a) Follow-up to the International Conference on Financing for Development (*continued*)

23. **The President** recalled that in its decision 2010/260, the Council had decided to defer consideration of draft resolution E/2010/L.37, entitled "Establishment of an ad hoc panel of experts on the world financial and economic crisis and its impact on development", to its resumed substantive session. It

had transpired from the informal "informal" consultations on the draft resolution convened by the facilitator, Mr. Schuldt (Ecuador), that further consultations would be required. He took it that the Council wished to continue its consideration of the draft resolution, with a view to making final recommendations to the General Assembly, in accordance with the mandate of paragraph 56 (e) of the Outcome of the Conference on the World Financial and Economic Crisis and Its Impact on Development, during its substantive session of 2011.

24. *It was so decided.*

Regional cooperation (*continued*)

25. **The President** recalled that, in its decision 2010/253, the Council had decided to defer to its 2010 resumed substantive session, action on two draft resolutions recommended by the Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia and contained in chapter I, section B, of document E/2010/15/Add.1, entitled "Upgrading the Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia Section for Emerging and Conflict-Related Issues to the level of a division and establishing a governmental committee on emerging issues and development in conflict settings" and "Upgrading the Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia Centre for Women to the level of a division and follow-up to the implementation of the Beijing Platform for Action in the Arab countries after fifteen years: Beijing+15". He took it that the Council wished to defer action on the two draft resolutions to its 2011 substantive session.

26. *It was so decided.*

Economic and environmental questions (*continued*)

(g) Public administration and development (*continued*)

27. **The President** recalled that, in its decision 2010/256, the Council had decided to defer consideration of the report of the Committee of Experts on Public Administration on its ninth session (E/2010/44) to a later stage and before its 2011 substantive session. Having been informed that no action was required, he took it that the Council would revert to the matter at a later stage and before its 2011 substantive session.

28. *It was so decided.*

Conclusion of the work of the Council for 2010

29. **The President** declared that the Council had concluded its consideration of all the outstanding matters before it for its 2010 session.

The meeting rose at 4.15 p.m.